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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings and versions of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a status certification for a first voicemail message in a telecommunications network, the telecommunications network including a voicemail system, the voicemail system performing a method, comprising:

receiving the first voicemail message and a status certification request at the voicemail system, the first voicemail message generated by a calling party and distributed to a voicemail box assigned to a recipient of the first voicemail message, wherein the recipient is a subscriber to a voicemail service provided by the voicemail system;

assigning a message identifier tofor said first voicemail message and creating a temporary voicemail box accessible to the calling party, the calling party being a non-subscriber of the voicemail service associated with a subscriber of a voicemail message system;

in response to detecting an occurrence of a disposition event, creating a disposition identifier in response to a disposition event;

in response to detecting a triggering event, compiling said disposition identifier and said first voicemail message identifier to create a status notification in response to a triggering event; and storing said status notification in thea temporary voicemail box accessible to a non-subscriber of said-voicemail message system; and

providing an access identifier for accessing said temporary voicemail box, wherein an asynchronous dialog is performed between the calling partyamong users having having said access identifier and the recipient via said temporary voicemail box,

wherein said asynchronous dialog comprises:
accessing said temporary voicemail box with said access identifier;
receiving a second voicemail message;
associating said second voicemail message with said first voicemail message; and
storing said second voicemail message.

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- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 receiving a first reply from the recipient;
 associating said first reply with said first voicemail message; and
 storing said first reply in said temporary voicemail box.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 billing a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said asynchronous dialog comprises:

accessing said temporary voicemail box with said access identifier;
receiving a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail
message;

associating said second reply with said first voicemail message; and storing said second reply.

- 6. (Canceled).
- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said disposition event is initiated by at least one of the recipient, a voicemail system administrator, and an automated event executed by the voicemail system, the disposition event comprising comprises at least one of:
 - a managing event; and a dispatching event.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

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accessing said first voicemail message;
deleting said first voicemail message;
presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;
expiring said first voicemail message; and
terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said communications
network.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said first voicemail message; and replying to said first voicemail message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:

a type identifier; an alphanumeric identifier; a capabilities identifier; and an annotation.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:

a communication network identifier;

a device identifier;

a role identifier;

a party identifier;

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a date identifier; and a time identifier.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:

an originator;

a sender;

a caller;

a recipient; and

a system administrator.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an cinail address;

an access address;

an access address;

a voice sample; and

an image.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing in a random access memory an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier;

said disposition identifier;

said reply; and

said status notification.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

deleting said attribute;

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monitoring said attribute;
moving said attribute;
forwarding said attribute;
securing said attribute;
archiving said attribute;
backing up said attribute;
informing a recipient oh said attribute; and
blocking said attribute.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a status certification for a first video mail message in a video-enabled communications network, the video-enabled communications network including a video mail system performing a method, comprising:

receiving the first video mail message and a status certification request at the video mail system, the first video mail message generated by a calling party and distributed to a video mail hox assigned to a recipient of the first video mail message, wherein the recipient is a subscriber to a video mail service provided by the video mail system; assigning a message identifier forto said first video mail message and creating a temporary video mail box accessible to the calling party, the calling party being a nonsubscriber of the video mail servicedelivered to a subscriber of a video mail message system; in response to detecting an occurrence of a disposition event, creating a disposition identifier and in response to a disposition event; associating said disposition identifier with said first video mail message; in response to detecting a triggering event, compiling said disposition identifier and said first video mail message identifier to create a status notification and in-response to-a-triggering-event; -- storing said status notification in the temporary video mail box-accessible to a

non-subscriber of said voicemail message system;

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providing an access identifier for accessing said temporary video mail box, wherein an asynchronous dialog is performed between the calling partyamong tesers having said access identifier and the recipient via said temporary video mail box; wherein the method further comprising: receiving a reply to the first video mail message; associating said reply with said first video mail message; and storing said reply in said temporary video mail box.

- 18. (Canceled).
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising: billing a party to said first voice <u>video</u> mail message for said providing of said status certification.

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identifier and said first voicemail message identifier to create said status notification in response to a triggering event; and storing e said status notification in the temporary voicemail box accessible to a non-subscriber of said voicemail message system; and providing an access identifier for accessing said temporary voicemail box, wherein an asynchronous dialog is performed between the calling partyamong

users having said access identifier and the recipient via said temporary voicemail box;

wherein said processor, to perform it said asynchronous dialog commisses.
accessesing said temporary voicemail box with said access identifier;
receivesing a second voicemail message;
associatesing said second voicemail message with the first message; an
storesing said second voicemail message.

21. (Currently Amouded) The system of claim 20, said processor further performs operative to:

receivinge a first reply from the recipient; associatinge said first reply with said first voicemail message; and storinge said first reply in said temporary voicemail box.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein said processor further performs operative to:

billing a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein said processor, to perform said asynchronous dialog:

accesses said temporary voicemail box with said access identifier;
receives a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail
message;

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associates said second reply with said first voicemail message; and stores said second reply.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein said disposition event is initiated by at least one of the recipient, a voicemail system administrator, and an automated event executed by the voicemail system, the disposition event comprising comprises at least one of:

a managing event; and a dispatching event.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said first voicemail message;

deleting said first voicemail message;

presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;

expiring said first voice message; and

terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said communications network.

28. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.

29. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said first voicemail message; and replying to said first voicemail message.

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- 30. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:
 - a type identifier; an alphanumeric identifier a capabilities identifier; and an annotation.
- 31. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:
 - a communication network identifier;
 - a device identifier;
 - a role identifier
 - a party identifier;
 - a date identifier: and
 - a time identifier.
- 32. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said role identifier comprises at least one of:
 - an originator;
 - a sender;
 - a caller;
 - a recipient; and
 - a system administrator.
- 33. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:
 - an email address;
 - an access address;
 - a voice sample; and

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an image.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, further comprising storing in a random access memory an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier said disposition identifier; said reply; and said status notification.

35. (Original) The system of claim 34, further comprising administrative functionality, wherein said administrative functionality comprises at least one of:

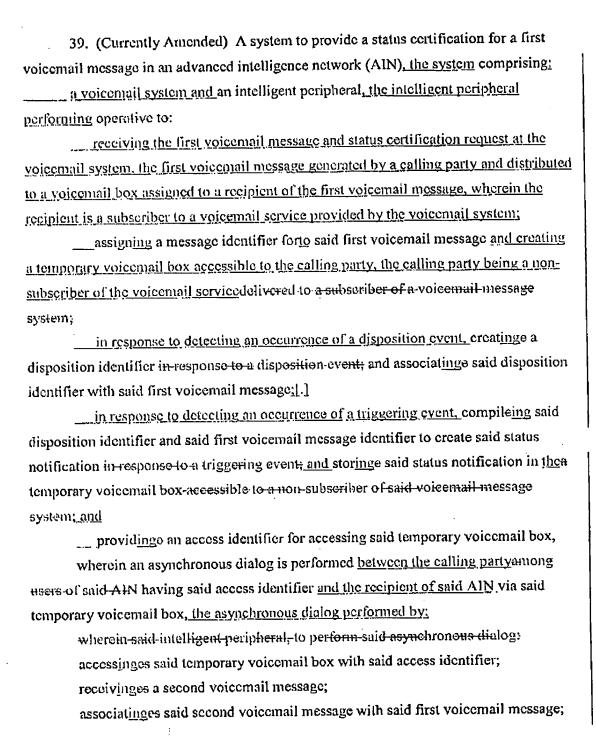
deleting said attribute;
monitoring said attribute;
moving said attribute;
forwarding said attribute;
securing said attribute;
archiving said attribute;
backing up said attribute;
informing a recipient of said attribute; and

blocking said attribute.

- 36. (Original) The system of claim 35, further comprising a data repository operative to store said attributes.
- 37. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein said data repository comprises a database.
 - 38. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein said data repository comprises: a first database for storing said first voicemail message; and

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a second database for storing said attribute.



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and

storinges said second voicemail message.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further performs operative to:

receivings a first reply from the recipient; associatings said first reply with said first voicemail message[:]; and storeing said first reply in said temporary voicemail box.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39, wherein said intelligent peripheral is further <u>performs</u> operative to:

billing a party to said first voicemail message for said providing of said status certification.

- 42. (Canceled)
- 43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said intelligent peripheral, to perform said asynchronous dialog:

accesses said temporary voicemail box with said access identifier;

receives a second reply to at least one of said first reply and said first voicemail message;

associates said second reply with said first voicemail message; and stores said second reply.

- 44. (Canceled).
- 45. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein said triggering event comprises at least one of:
 - a disposition event; and
 - a passage of time.

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46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 45, wherein said disposition event is initiated by at least one of the recipient, a voicemail system administrator, and an automated event executed by the voicemail system, the disposition event comprising comprises at least one of:

a managing event; and a dispatching event.

47. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

accessing said first voicemail message;
deleting said first voicemail message;
presenting an indication of said first voicemail message;
expiring said first voicemail message; and
terminating a recipient of said first voicemail message from said AIN.

48. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein said managing event comprises at least one of:

denying said status certification of said first voicemail message; and malfunctioning of said status certification of said first voicemail message.

49. (Original) The system of claim 46, wherein said dispatching event comprises at least one of:

forwarding said first voicemail message; and replying to said first voicemail message.

50. (Original) The system of claim 39, further comprising:
a service switching point functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral; and
an interface functionally connected to a service switching point and operative to
accept communications from a second communications network.

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- 51. (Original) The system of claim 50, further comprising a mobile telephone switching office (MTSO) functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said status notification by a cellular device.
- 52. (Original) The system of claim 50, further comprising a computer network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said status notification by a computer network client device.
- 53. (Original) The system of claim 50, further comprising a personal digital assistant communications network functionally connected to said interface and operative to facilitate access to said status notification by a personal digital assistant.
- 54. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:

a type identifier; an alphanumeric identifier; a capabilities identifier; and an annotation.

- 55. (Original) The system of claim 39, wherein said first voicemail message identifier comprises at least one of:
 - a communication network identifier;
 - a device identifier;
 - a role identifier
 - a party identifier;
 - a date identifier; and
 - a time identifier.
 - 56. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein said role identifier comprises at

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least one of:

an originator;

a sender;

a caller;

a recipient; and

a system administrator.

57. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein said party identifier comprises at least one of:

an email address;

an access address;

a voice sample; and

an image.

58. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39, wherein said intelligent peripheral further performs operative for storing in a random access memory an attribute for said status certification for said first voicemail message, wherein said attribute comprises at least one of:

said first voicemail message identifier; said reply; said disposition identifier; and said status notification.

59. (Original) The system of claim 58, further comprising a service management system functionally connected to said intelligent peripheral, operative to perform administrative functionality comprising at least one of:

deleting said attribute monitoring said attribute; moving said attribute; forwarding said attribute; Appl. No. 09/894,317 Arndt, Pated 8/20/2004 Reply to Office Action of 5/20/2004

securing said attribute;
archiving said attribute;
backing up said attribute;
informing a recipient of said attribute; and
blocking said attribute.